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Australian Violet



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Viola hederacea

Plant Height: 6 inches

Flower Height: 8 inches

Spread: 16 inches

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

A fantastic, cool weather loving selection, producing lovely white blooms with pale violet centers, over a creeping mat of glossy green foliage; tolerates some foot traffic, great for dainty groundcover or used as borders in the garden; repeat bloomer

Ornamental Features

Australian Violet has masses of beautiful white flowers with violet overtones at the ends of the stems from early spring to early fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its glossy oval leaves remain dark green in colour throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Australian Violet is an herbaceous annual with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

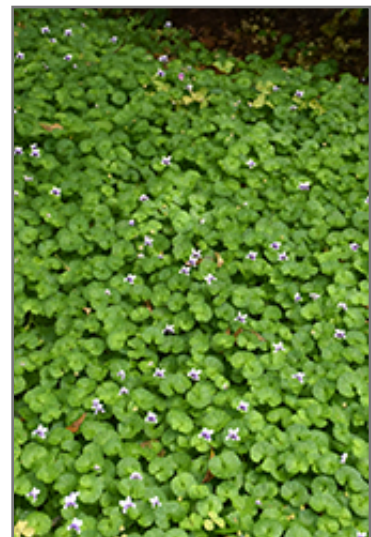
This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Australian Violet is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Australian Violet flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Australian Violet in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Australian Violet will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity extending to 8 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 16 inches. Although it's not a true annual, this fast-growing plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. Consider covering it with a thick layer of mulch in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This species is not originally from North America.

Australian Violet is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.